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In re application of:

Zhiping Yin
Mark E. Jost

Serial No.: 09/293,188) Art Unit

Filed: April 16, 1999) 2814

For: INTERCONNECT STRUCTURE WITH
INTERLAYER DIELECTRIC

Examiner: Phat X. Cao)

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Box: RCE
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 for the above-identified application.

A. Enclosed

X An Amendment and Response to the Office Action dated August 27, 2002 for entry in the present application

Serial No.: 09/293,188

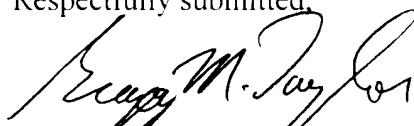
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 - Any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16.
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Dated this 27th day of December 2002.

Respectfully submitted,



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